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On April 20, 1971, respresentatives of the Division of Industrial Hygiene, New York State Department of Labor, visited the site for the purpose of observing the spray-on fire proofing operation conducted by Mario and DiBuono.

Present at this inspection were Mr. J. Baliss, Chief of the Division of Industrial Hygiene, Mr. M. Sheinbaum, Senior Industrial Hygiene Engineer, Mrs. Shebe, a lawyer presently assigned to work with the Industrial Hygiene Division and D. Herbstman World Trade Safety Supervisor.

Mr. T. Guarino of Mario and DiBuono accompanied accompanied us on the inspection which covered the spray-on operation in Tower A at the 80th floor and operations in the Custom and Northeast Plaza Buildings.

Mr. Scheinbaum took air samples at a number of points while observ operations on the 80th floor of Tower A. The group was generally impressed with the tight canvas protection, rapid clean-up and use of personal protect equipment, including filter type respirators.

As discussed at lunch after the inspection, theprimary purpose of this group is to re-evaluate the present restrictions on the use of spray-on fireproofing material containing asbestos. New standards are being establis which will make it extremely difficult to use this material throughout New York State unless a much higher level of protection for workers engaged in applying the asbestos material as well as other workmen in the vicinity of this work, is supplied.

One tentative new standard will relate to fibers per milli-liter rather than total dust count. This may also involve other mineral type fiber material after the initial restriction on the asbestos type material.

Hearings will be scheduled in the near future to determine whethe the proposed revisions are acceptable and if so when they will be adopted.

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